committee chaired by Vice-Chancellor, Mrs. Joyti Trivedi of Bombay's SNDT University in January, last in New Delhi; and

(b) what are the Government response to each suggestion so made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government has not received any suggestions from the Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

MRTPC Report on Private Schools

2295. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the *'Indian Express'*, New Delhi dated the 14th January, 1988 under the caption "Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission report on private schools soon";

(b) whether Government have received the report; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) By a *suo-moto* order dated 11th December, 1987 the Commission has directed the Director General (Investigations & Registration) to investigate and report whether the public schools in the country are indulging in restrictive and unfair trade practices.

(c) Depending upon the findings of the investigation report, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission is empowered to take appropriate action against the schools as per provisions of the MRTP Act.

Stringent tests and rigorous training for Pilots

2296. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that today's flying requires stringent tests and rigorous training for future pilots before they are given flying licences or even recruited;

(b) if so, what are details of the latest equipment acquired or being acquired for testing and training the potential pilots, including various advantages coming out of such equipment; and

(c) whether the Government consider formulating a joint machinery for testing and recruitment of pilots for various undertakings/departments under the Department of Civil Aviation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 28 Cessna 152 aircraft have been acquired by Aero Club of India and distributed to the Flying Clubs in the Country. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy has acquired 8 modern sophisticated Trinidad TB-20 single engine trainer aircraft, 2 twin engined King Air C-90A aircraft, 2 Robinson R-21B Trainer Helicopters, one simulator and 2 units of Spira 1-CPT for imparting advanced and specialised training, upto Commercial Pilots Licence level and instrument rating. These aircraft are quite sophisticated and have advanced instrumentation and skill of pilots trained on this type of aircraft is expected to be high

(c) The Government has already established the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy at Fursatganj for imparting training to pilots apart from the Flying Culbs. The pilots are checked for their proficiency by the DGCA approved Examiners.

Recruitment of the Pharmacists in the Country

2297. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual requirement of Pharmacists in the country and the number of diploma pharmacists comes out from the Government/private institutions every year;

(b) what is the number of Government and private institutions imparting pharmacy education in the country; and

(c) what is the criteria of admission and whether capitation fee rather than merit is counted for such admission, if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) According to the information available with the Pharmacy Council of India, there are 77 Government institutions and 143 private institutions which impart Pharmacy education upto diploma level to about 10697 students per year. However, no reliable information of the annual requirement of the Pharmacists in the country and annual out-turn of the diploma pharmacists in the country is available. As per the guidelines issued by the Pharmacy Council of India, a person having passed matriculation examination or a secondary school leaving examination with chemistry, physics and mathematics is eligible for admission to the two year's diploma course in Pharmacy. A person having higher qualification can, however be admitted directly to the second year of the diploma pharmacy course and as such can qualify diploma after one year of education. The Council has decided, in principle, to fix 45 per cent as the minimum pass marks in the entrance examination as a pre-requisite for admission to D. Pharm course.

According to the available information, the selection of candidates is primarily by merit although it cannot be ruled out that some institutions may be charging capitation fees, under the existing provisions of Pharmacy Act, 1948, the Central Govt. or the Pharmacy Council of India do not have any powers to prevent charging of capitation fees.

Appointment of personnel in Pondicherry University

2298. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which the acdemic personnels have been appointed in the Pondicherry University since its estalishment; the faculty-wise details thereof: of;

(b) what is the number of non-academic personnels appointed so far, category-wise figures;

(c) how many courses have been introduced and the number of students enrolled in each course so far; and

(d) what new courses are proposed to be introduced in the near future and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Pondicherry University, appointments to Teaching posts in the University are